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- 1. MAY 17 APAO CONTACTED JOSEF PANOCHA OF MFA PRESS
  DEPARTMENT TO INQUIRE WHY PIPER HAD BEEN DENIED ENTRY VISA TO
  CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PANOCHA SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH PIPER FROM
  PREVIOUS VISIT BUT WAS NOT AWARE OF HIS APPLICATION FOR VISA OR
  REFUSAL BY CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. PANOCHA INSISTED
  HE WOULD KNOW OF PIPER APPLICATION IF IT HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY MFA.
  NEVERTHELESS, HE AGREED TO INQUIRE FURTHER AND ADVISE APAO OF
  RESULTS.
- 2. APAO CALLED SEVERAL TIMES FOLLOWING INITIAL MAY 17 INQUIRY, AND PANOCHA INVARIABLY INSISTED HE HAD NOT FOUND ANY EVIDENCE THAT PIPER HAD APPLIED FOR VISA.
- 3. DCM INTENDS TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ZANTOVSKY DURING AFTERNOON CALL MAY 22. DECONTROL 4 YEARS FROM ORIGINATING DATE. BYRNE

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